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Sir:

This Application corresponds to International Application No.

PCT/GB99/01170, filed April 16, 1999. It should be noted that amended claims 1-24 were filed in the International Application on July 19, 2000.

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified Application as follows.

In the Claims

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert —claim 1,—.

Claim 7, lines 1 to 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert –claim 1–.